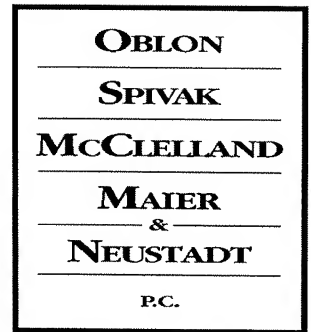


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Applicants would like to bring the decision cited in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith, *Aristocrat Technologies v. International Game Technology*, U.S. Dist. Ct. N. Cal., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42854, (hereinafter referred to as “the *Aristocrat* decision”), to the attention of the Office.

The present application was filed as a U.S. national stage of international application No. PCT/US03/04817. The international application was filed on February 19, 2003. The 30-month deadline for filing the U.S. National Stage application was April 19, 2004. The present application was filed on April 21, 2005, along with a petition that the delay in filing the national stage application was unintentional. The Office granted the petition on January 5, 2006.

The District Court in the Aristocrat decision held that the standard for reviving the United States national stage application of an international application in the USPTO under 35 USC 371 after expiration of the 30-month date is unavoidable, rather than unintentional. This decision was appealed to the CAFC and docketed on October 5, 2007 as 2008-1016.

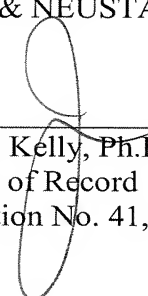
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